The Canadian Medical Protection Association (CMPA) will release its medical liability protection fees for 2013 in October 2012. Physicians will receive their CMPA membership invoice by mail in early November.

Physicians will notice that their CMPA membership invoice will be considerably higher than last year. However, as a result of the current tripartite agreement between the ministry, the CMPA and the Ontario Medical Association (OMA), the ministry will reimburse physicians for any fees paid over and above the established 1986 base rate under the Medical Liability Protection Reimbursement Program. Physicians' net out of pocket costs will remain the same as in 2011.

CMPA membership fees for Ontario physicians are calculated based on medico-legal risk in the province. If the CMPA’s forecasted assets are greater than the forecasted liabilities for the year in question, fee credits may be used to reduce the amount collected in that year.

For 2013, the total CMPA fees of $210 million for Ontario members have been reduced by credits of approximately $29 million, resulting in a total aggregate fee to be collected from members of $181 million. The ministry will continue to subsidize physician medical liability protection costs by reimbursing approximately $145 million to physicians for the 2013 fees.

Non-CMPA members will receive their invoice from their medical liability insurance provider.

For more information on medical liability protection fees, please see the CMPA web page www.cmpa-acpm.ca/cmpapd04/docs/membership/fees/com_qu-e.pdf or contact the CMPA at 1-800-276-6522.

If you have any program-related questions, please visit the MLP Reimbursement Program web page www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/ohip/mlp/default.aspx, or call 1-888-805-9877.